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- 1. BELOW IS THE TEXT OF THE RWANDA/BURUNDI SITREP CIRCULATED IN THE DEPARTMENT FOR MAY 13. SITREP IS CLASSIFIED CONFIDENTIAL.
- 2. BEGIN SITREP TEXT:

RWANDA/BURUNDI SITREP MAY 13

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UN FORCE COMMANDER GENERAL DALLAIRE TOLD AF/C TODAY THAT
KIGALI WAS RELATIVELY CALM; BUT THE RPF HAD BEEN
MANEUVERING LAST NIGHT POSSIBLY PREPARING FOR A FRESH
ATTACK SOON. HE REPORTS THAT THE GOVERNMENT SEEMS QUITE
TENSE, AND EVEN THE INTERHAMWE YOUTH MILITIA IS EAGER TO
PLEASE THE UN COMMANDER, APPARENTLY FEARING THE WORST.

(AF/C SATELLITE TELCON WITH UN IN KIGALI)

AF/C WAS UNABLE TO MAKE DIRECT TELEPHONE CONTACT WITH

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KIGALI TODAY. IT APPEARS THE LOCAL TELEPHONE LINES, AT LEAST BETWEEN RWANDA AND THE US, ARE DOWN AGAIN.

DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVES

RPF FORCE COMMANDER PAUL KAGAME TOLD RFI REPORTERS ON MAY 12 THAT THE RPF WAS NOT OPPOSED TO AN EXPANDED UN FORCE ON THE ORDER OF 5,500 MEN IF ITS OBJECTIVE WERE TO PROVIDE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE; THE RPF WAS OPPOSED TO AN EXPANDED INTERVENTION FORCE WHICH WOULD, IN HIS WORDS, EFFECTIVELY PROTECT THOSE WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE GENOCIDE. (FBIS LONDON 121516Z)

GENERAL DALLAIRE RECEIVED CALLS FROM TWO REPUBLICAN SENATORS FROM WASHINGTON D.C. TODAY WHO ASKED HIM TO EXPLAIN HIS CONCEPT OF A MOBILE FORCE BASED OUT OF KIGALI. (AF/C SATELLITE TELCON WITH UN IN KIGALI)

HUMANITARIAN INITIATIVES

USAID EMERGENCY TEAM VISITING SOUTHERN UGANDA AND NORTHERN RWANDA REPORTED THAT ASSISTANCE IS CURRENTLY CONFIDENTIAL

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BEING PROVIDED TO APPROXIMATELY 250,000 RWANDESE IN
NORTHERN RWANDA. MOST AREAS IN NORTHERN RWANDA ARE
ACCESSIBLE AND THE RPF HAS COOPERATED WITH NGOS THERE.
LOGISTICS AND THE FOOD PIPELINE ARE NOT A SIGNIFICANT
PROBLEM AT PRESENT AND THE CROPS IN NORTHERN RWANDA COULD
BE HARVESTED SOON. THE RPF NEEDS TO BE ENCOURAGED TO
PERMIT THE DISPLACED TO RETURN TO THEIR FIELDS TO HARVEST
THESE CROPS. THE TEAM SUGGESTED THAT TOOLS WOULD NEED TO
BE PROVIDED TO THE DISPLACED TO ASSIST IN THE HARVEST.
(KAMPALA 3810)

FRANCE HAS ANNOUNCED THAT IT IS SENDING TWO PLANES LOADED WITH 100 TONS OF EMERGENCY HUMANITARIAN AID TO BURUNDI. THE AID IS INTENDED FOR THE RWANDAN REFUGEES IN THE NORTH. PARIS ALSO PLANS A HUMANITARIAN AIRLIFT INVOLVING 9 PLANES TO KAMPALA. (FBIS LONDON 112228Z)

END SITREP TEXT. TALBOTT

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